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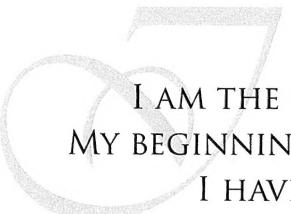
*Sixth Day of May, Two Thousand Twenty-Three
10:00 a.m.*



WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

Since 1890

*John D. Rockefeller IV Physical Education Building
Buckhannon • West Virginia*



I AM THE ORANGE LINE.
MY BEGINNING WAS LONG AGO.

I HAVE NO END.

I AM PERPETUAL.

MY SOURCE IS IN THE
WEST VIRGINIA HILLS.

MY REACH
EMBRACES THE WORLD.

I AM IN AMERICA'S SMALL TOWNS.

I AM IN HER GREAT CITIES.

I CROSS THE SEAS.

I GROW.

I AM YOUR WARM, ENDURING MEMORIES.

I AM YOUR SHARED EXPERIENCES.

I AM YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR TEACHERS.

I AM YOUR LINK TO THE PAST.

I AM YOUR DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE.

WHEREVER YOU ARE, THERE TOO, AM I.

I AM YOU.

YOU ARE ME.

WE — ARE THE ORANGE LINE.

BY CHARLES K. DICK

P R O G R A M

* PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance
WVWC Concert Band & Guests

Elgar

* NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Star-Spangled Banner

Key

Audience, WVWC Concert Band & Guests

* INVOCATION

*Angela Gay Kinkead
Jonathan Acord*

GREETINGS

*Director of Religious and Spiritual Life
Dean of the Chapel Emeritus
Kevin Spear '76
Chair Elect, Board of Trustees*

WELCOME

James H. Moore, PhD
President of the College

INTRODUCTION OF HONORARY DEGREE CANDIDATE

Lynn M. Linder, PhD
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Caroline H. Rapking, '79

Chair of the Board of Trustees

Presented by Bob Skinner, '75
Vice President for Advancement (Retired)

CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREE

President Moore

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Resilience

Caroline Rapking, '79

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

Dr. Linder

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

President Moore

STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CLASS

Caroline Fulks

President, Senior Class of 2023

GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI

Tara Steed, '87

President, Alumni Council

MUSICAL SELECTION

My Home Among the Hills

E. W. James

WVWC Concert Chorale

Wesleyan Trustee, 1964-76

R. Daniel Hughes, DMA, Director

* BENEDICTION

Jonathan Acord

* ALMA MATER

Alma Mater of the Mountains

Wallace B. Fleming

Wesleyan President, 1915-22/1941-42

*Alma Mater of the Mountains,
West Virginia Wesleyan,
At thy magic mystic fountains
Noblest dreams of life began.*

*We, thy children, bow before thee;
We, thy children, now adore thee;
And pledge God, who watches o'er thee,
Thou shalt fill the ample measures of His plan.*

* RECESSIONAL

Rondeau

Jean-Joseph Mouret

* *The audience is requested to stand*

Honorary Degree Candidate for the Degree Doctor of Humane Letters

Caroline H. Rapking

Ms. Caroline H. Rapking retired as Vice President for the Global Public Sector for CGI, with over 30 years of experience with the company. CGI, one of the largest information technology companies in the world, provides secure and flexible end-to-end services include strategic IT and business consulting, systems integration, IT managed services, and intellectual property solutions. Prior to taking the lead for the Global Public Sector activities, she was the lead of the U.S. State and Local Industry group. Ms. Rapking's mission in both positions was to develop and lead CGI's go-to-market strategy for the Public Sector, in order to generate growth for CGI and deliver quality solutions and services for CGI's clients in this market.

Since joining CGI in January 1983, Ms. Rapking worked exclusively with many of CGI's largest government clients (over 30) in designing and implementing technology and business solutions to transform government management and service delivery. In addition to her work with project delivery and market strategy, Ms. Rapking was also heavily involved in the effort to locate the CGI Center of Excellence in Software Development in Russell County (Virginia), which has resulted in over 500 new jobs located in that rural area.

In 2010, Ms. Rapking was appointed to the Board of Trustees of West Virginia Wesleyan College and has served as Chair since July 2020. She has also served as Chair of the Capital Campaign, Chair of the Advancement Council, Co-Chair of the Presidential Search Committee, and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board.

From 2007—2014, Ms. Rapking served on the Board of the Virginia Community College Foundation for Education, including a term as Treasurer, and has been a member of the selection committee for the prestigious Valley Protein Scholars program.

She also served on the Maxwell School Advisory Board of Syracuse University for 21 years and was a member of the DC Presence Committee, which helped search for and determine the remote campus location for the Maxwell School in Washington, DC.

Ms. Rapking's community and industry involvement has included business and industry trade associations, and health-related associations. She was a member of the National Capital Area Corporate Council of the American Cancer Society, and served on the Board for the child advocacy entity Voices for Virginia's Children. She has been active in the following public sector professional organizations and boards: TechAmerica (formerly ITAA) as Chair of the State and Local Board of Directors; National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers (NASACT), and the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO).

Ms. Rapking was a member of the Board of Directors of Nextel Partners, Inc., a Fortune 1000 Company and an affiliate of Nextel Communications. She served on the Audit Committee and Special Committee and was Chair of the Nominating Committee. She joined the Nextel Partners Board in July 2002, and left the Board in July 2006 when Sprint/Nextel bought Nextel Partners and the Board was dissolved.

Ms. Rapking is a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College (1979, B.A.) and of the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs of Syracuse University (1982) where she earned her M.P.A.



BACHELOR OF ARTS

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

ABIGAIL FLORENCE ANDERSON
Caldwell, West Virginia
Elementary Education
HEATHER MARIE BOKEY
Bridgeport, West Virginia
Elementary Education
MATTHEW ROBERT CHASE
Bruceton Mills, West Virginia
Criminal Justice/Political Science
SHAYLEN CELESTE CHENOWETH +
Elkins, West Virginia
Psychology
CAROLINE JANE FULKS
Bridgeport, West Virginia
Political Science/International Studies
DEREK M. HESS
Bridgeport, West Virginia
Theatre Arts
KELLY CARNISA HOUGHTON (4)
Sutton, West Virginia
Elementary Education
MEGHAN LEIGH HULL (4)
Clearwater, Florida
Elementary Education
BERLIN APOLLO PRUDEN
Alpha, Illinois
Art/Psychology
ABBY JO WETZEL
Clarksburg, West Virginia
Elementary Education

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

KAITLIN MARIE ANDERSON ^
Webster Springs, West Virginia
Art/Computer Science
LILLIE KATHRYN ARCHER (4)
Coraopolis, Pennsylvania
History/Criminal Justice
JAKOB DANIEL BOHLAND
Fort Mill, South Carolina
Psychology
LAUREN ALEXIS BOLEN (4)
Saint Johns, Florida
Special Education
DANIEL WESLEY DYAL (4)
Fayetteville, West Virginia
Gender Studies/English
MADISYN LEIGH FOX +
Caldwell, West Virginia
Physics/Political Science

JAMES ROBERT MILAM, III (4)
Summersville, West Virginia
Criminal Justice
DYLAN LAYTON POPLIN (4) #
Old Fort, North Carolina
Education
TAYLOR SCOTT PUGH (3) #
Musical Theater
Glen Jean, West Virginia
COURTNEY ROSE GRAY
Flemington, West Virginia
Psychology/Religious Studies
KAYLA NICOLE MEANS
Clarksburg, West Virginia
Psychology
EMILY GRACE REED
Scott Depot, West Virginia
Communication
GRACE E. SMITH #
Charleston, West Virginia
Elementary Education
ELIZABETH NOEL TWEEL
Elkview, West Virginia
Theatre Arts
ZACHARY DAKAN WILLIAMS
Morgantown, West Virginia
Psychology
HOPE NOEL WYATT
Tornado, West Virginia
Psychology/Criminal Justice

CUM LAUDE

ISAIAH JUAN BURCIAGA #
Weston, West Virginia
Criminal Justice
FAITH ELIZABETH HAMMERBECK (4)
Buckhannon, West Virginia
Elementary Education
ELIZABETH JEAN HARVEY (4)
Cross Lanes, West Virginia
Mathematics
MARCUS A. HUFFMAN
Salem, West Virginia
English
LOREN CORYN KEENE
Bluefield, West Virginia
Theater Arts
HANNAH NICOLE KETTERMAN
White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia
Elementary Education
SIERRA PAIGE LOWTHER
Buckhannon, West Virginia
Secondary Education/English Literature

DYLAN RAY MAJOR (4)
Fredericksburg, Virginia
Criminal Justice
BRITTANY RENEE MYERS
Weston, West Virginia
Criminal Justice/Political Science
CHLOE ANNE PERDUE (4)
Lansing, West Virginia
Art
KOTONE SAKAMURA
Gunma, Japan
Theatre Arts
MAKAYLA L. STANLEY
Elkins, West Virginia
Art
LAINE ELIZABETH STOVER
Wexford, Pennsylvania
Political Science/International Studies
KATSUKI TAKANO (1) #
Tokyo, Japan
Social Justice
TIMOTHY WAYNE WALKER
Alum Creek, West Virginia
Musical Theatre/ Media Communication
CAITLIN NICOLE WILHELM
Waynesboro, Virginia
Sociology
EMILY GRACE WILMOTH
Fairmont, West Virginia
Special Education/Elementary Education



SAWYER JO ALDERMAN
Buckhannon, West Virginia
Pre Drama Therapy
ANTHONY LAWRENCE ANDERSON
Nottingham, Maryland
Art
KATELYN GRACE BELT (4) #
Buckhannon, West Virginia
English
HUNTER ANDREW BLAKE *
Weston, West Virginia
Criminal Justice
CALEB OSCAR BROWN
Parkersburg, West Virginia
Music
LOGAN LEE BURKHAMMER
Weston, West Virginia
Environmental Studies
TYLER COLE CHANNEL
Philippi, West Virginia
Environmental Studies

HANNAH ELIZABETH COGAR
Buckhannon, West Virginia
Psychology

ASHTON ALEXIS JOY CORK
Salem, West Virginia
Educational Studies

ANTHONY F. DAMCOTT
Akron, Ohio
Media Communication/Theatre Arts

ISAAC DASHUNE DOVE *Ashburn, Virginia
Criminal Justice

MICHAEL ROBERT DRURY
Radford, Virginia
Psychology

DEQUANDRE O. EDWARDS (4) #
Newport News, Virginia
Psychology

NICHOLAS O'NEIL LEE FENSTERMACHER *
Clarksburg, West Virginia
Psychology

CASEY JEWEL FREDERICK (3)
Buckhannon, West Virginia
Criminal Justice

ALEXA NICOLE GORONDY
Bruceton Mills, West Virginia
Criminal Justice

JACKSON THOMAS JOHNSON (4)
Charleston, West Virginia
Theatre Arts

WALTER JOSEPH KESTER *
Charles Town, West Virginia
Music

IRIS LEE KOLENICH
Buckhannon, West Virginia
Communication

JENNIFER BEE LUNDY (3) #
Carbon, Indiana
Criminal Justice

PAUL J. MAGEE-RENNER
Silver Spring, Maryland
History

JUSTIN ALEXANDER MCINTYRE
Indian Head, Maryland
Environmental Studies

MEGAN H. MILES
Huntington, West Virginia
Educational Studies

DHARYL MOON *
New Hyde Park, New York
Political Science

AIYANA ELISABETTA MORRIS *
Lost Creek, West Virginia
Communication

DYLAN THOMAS PAULEY
Red House, West Virginia
Communication

CADEN THOMAS ROHRBOUGH
Jane Lew, West Virginia
Criminal Justice

KENTO SHOJI *
Fussa, Japan
Theatre Arts

NOAH PAUL SLACK (4) #
Martinsburg, West Virginia
Criminal Justice

CHELYAN CARLISLE SMITH *
Cross Lanes, West Virginia
Musical Theatre

ANTONIA DESHAUN SNIDER
French Creek, West Virginia
Criminal Justice/Political Science

SCOTT W. SOUCIER (4) #
Asbury, West Virginia
Political Science/Criminal Justice

JONATHAN PATTON STAMY
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Media Communication

TAYLOR DAWN SWARTZ #
Pomeroy, Ohio
Secondary Education

KILEY QUINN TURNER #
Leesburg, Virginia
Special Education/Elementary Education

JONATHAN CLARKLEY WALKER *
Abingdon, Maryland
Criminal Justice

JOSHUA ALLEN WHITE
St. Albans, West Virginia
Criminal Justice

LUKE SCOTT WHITE
Weston, West Virginia
Criminal Justice

GABRIELLE ELIZABETH ZAIS
Buckhannon, West Virginia
Psychology

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

CUM LAUDE

TAYLOR ALEXIS ARMSTRONG (1) #
Sutton, West Virginia

NOAH DANIEL COMBS (4) #
Morgantown, West Virginia



KRISTOPHER LUCAS HIGH
Keyser, West Virginia

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

BETTY JEAN ABDELGELIL
Summersville, West Virginia
Biology

OLIVIA PAYTON CARPENTER +
Canvas, West Virginia
Biology

BRAYDEN ORION GILLESPIE
Webster Springs, West Virginia
Exercise Science

JACKSON R. IGO +
Cross Lanes, West Virginia
Applied Physics

KATHERINE JEWELL MARKS
Wellsburg, West Virginia
Biochemistry

ISABELLA G. POSEY #
Weston, West Virginia
Exercise Science

KEVIN RYAN SHREWSBURY
Scott Depot, West Virginia
Exercise Science

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

KESSLEY RAE ALLEN (3) #
Buckhannon, West Virginia
Health Science

MORGAN ABIGAIL BALUYOT BENNET
Windsor, Ontario, Canada
Exercise Science

BRADY KATHRYN BROWNING +
Wheeling, West Virginia
Biology

SPENCER CHADWICK COMBS (4) #
McLean, Virginia
Applied Physics

KRISTEN MICHELLE CROWDER +
Bridgeport, West Virginia
Biochemistry

BRENDAN CORNELIUS FITZGERALD (2) #
Herndon, Virginia
Business Administration

HAYDEN THOMAS HESS
Bridgeport, West Virginia
Biology

ZANE ROBERT HISSAM
French Creek, West Virginia
Marketing

SHELBY ELISE KENNEDY #	EMMA VICTORIA REGER	SANTIAGO DE STAFANO CAVAZOS
Howell, Michigan	Buckhannon, West Virginia	Edinburg, Texas
Sport Business	Biology	Applied Physics
MARVEL DEWITT MCGOWAN (2) #	GRANT COLE SAFFORD (4) #	BROOKLYN P. DETAMORE
Greensburg, Pennsylvania	Culloden, West Virginia	Weston, West Virginia
Biology	Business Administration	Health Science
JAMES ANTHONY MCINTOSH	CAMILLO SALVI	ALEJANDRA JUDITH DITCHEN *
Charleston, West Virginia	Verona, Italy	Charleston, West Virginia
Applied Physics	Business Administration/Economics	Accounting
ABIGAIL MCKENZIE O'SHIELDS #	REBEKAH D. SIKORA	BENJAMIN RYAN ESPOSITO
Dagsboro, Delaware	Morgantown, West Virginia	Greensboro, North Carolina
Applied Physics	Applied Physics	Sport Business
FLETCHER WHITON PARTRIDGE (2) #	HANNAH E. SPRUCE	OLIVER EUGENE FRENCH
Newark, Delaware	Charleston, West Virginia	Martinsburg, West Virginia
Sport Business	Exercise Science	Applied Physics
RACHEL LYNN PHILLIPS (2) #	FALLYN DAWN SWIGER (4)	NATHANIEL OREN FRIEND
French Creek, West Virginia	Bridgeport, West Virginia	Buckhannon, West Virginia
Biology	Marketing	Business Administration
ALLI MARIE ROBINSON #		
French Creek, West Virginia	JENNA LYNN ALLMAN	GIOVANNA BELLA ROSA FUSCO
Exercise Science	Jane Lew, West Virginia	Bonneau Beach, South Carolina
AMANDA KELLY SCHLOR	Business Administration	Biochemistry
Coraopolis, Pennsylvania	JAMES LOGAN BAILEY	MIKAELE LEANN GREY
Exercise Science	Buckhannon, West Virginia	Bunker Hill, West Virginia
KHALIL AMIR SMITH	Business Administration	Biochemistry
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	KAITLYN MARIE BARKER	MICHAEL LAWRENCE HALEY
Exercise Science	Clarksburg, West Virginia	Frederick, Maryland
CUM LAUDE	Health Science	Business Administration
CHRISTOPHER RYAN BENDER +	RYAN S. BLAKE *	DECLAN T. HOFFMAN
Webster Springs, West Virginia	Weston, West Virginia	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Biology	Health Science	Accounting
TANNER LYNN FAULKNER	HOLLI R. BRAGG	EVIN JAMES HURT
Philippi, West Virginia	Milton, West Virginia	Martinsburg, West Virginia
Accounting	Exercise Science	Management
PAYTON NICOLE HEFNER	GENEVA ELBORN BROWN	JOSEPH RICHARD KEENAN #
Bridgeport, West Virginia	Chesapeake City, Maryland	Rocky Mount, Virginia
Applied Physics	Biology	Business Administration
MOLLY GRACE HULL (4) #	WILLIAM THOMAS BUTCHER #	YUDAI KOJIMA *
Inwood, West Virginia	Ellenboro, West Virginia	Hyogo, Japan
Biology	Computer Information Science	Accounting
SAMUEL ANDREW INGRAM	JARRETT N. CHIDESTER *	JOELLE LALLA
Scott Depot, West Virginia	Rock Cave, West Virginia	Columbus, Ohio
Biochemistry	Health Science	Health Science
MICIAH MATTHEW KENNEDY	SARAH KATHERINE CHRZANOWSKI	DEONTRE LEE LOGAN (4)
Ravenswood, West Virginia	Saint Albans, West Virginia	Richmond, Virginia
Exercise Science	Health Science	Biology
KASSANDRA BREE MILLER (4)	COLTON BOHN CLARK	CAMERON VICTOR-COLEMAN
Elkins, West Virginia	Ravenswood, West Virginia	LOMAX
Marketing	Sport Business	Silver Spring, Maryland
SHAWN MICHAEL MORAN	NICHOLAS LEE CORWELL (4) #	Business Administration
Weston, West Virginia	Frostburg, Maryland	DOMINIC B. LOUGH
Exercise Science	Biology	Grafton, West Virginia

KENDRA PAIGE MILLS
Buckhannon, West Virginia
Business Administration

CHARLIE WILLIAM NAYLOR #
Oxted, England
Sport Business

ASHLEY NICOLE NICHOLAS
Canvas, West Virginia
Biology

MEGAN CORRINE PERDUE *^
Clintonville, West Virginia
Health Science/Psychology

GAGE PARKER POLING
Moatsville, West Virginia
Computer Science

ADIN PATRICK POST
Ireland, West Virginia
Computer Science

KAITLYN NICOLE RIZOR #
Waynesburg, Pennsylvania
Health Science

KIARA RODRIGUEZ #
Sayreville, New Jersey
Biology/Exercise Science

HASSAN ADEL SADEK
Giza, Egypt
Marketing

COURTNEY ALEXANDRA SHORTS *
Purcellville, Virginia
Health Science

DAVID RUSSELL TAYLOR, JR.
Washington, D.C.
Health Science

CIERRA GERMAINE TOLBERT *
Fishers, Indiana
Health Science

HAYLEY MICHELLE WILLEY
Flemington, West Virginia
Biology

BENJAMIN RAY WILSON
Fredericksburg, Virginia
Sport Business

MICHAEL JAMES WINSTON #
Lewisburg, West Virginia
Applied Physics

CORDELL PATRICK WINTERS *
French Creek, West Virginia
Health Science

KAELIN OCTAVA WITHROW
Saint Albans, West Virginia
Biology

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN ATHLETIC TRAINING**

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

EASTON JAMES PERRY
Ripley, West Virginia

COURTNEY NICOLE WLFONG
Fairmont, West Virginia

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

BRENNAN CHRISTOPHER WEESE
Beverly, West Virginia

KAYLA NICOLE GROSE *
Ridgeley, West Virginia

KIERSTYN ABIGAIL HALL *
Weston, West Virginia

MADISON NANCY HENDRIGAN
Brockton, Massachusetts

IMANI ANSE JACKSON *
Akron, Ohio

PHARRAH ALINE KELLEY *
Ravenswood, West Virginia

SKYLAR RAEJEAN KETCHEM
Belington, West Virginia

JESSICA M. MARTIN *
Summersville, West Virginia

KYLEE JEANNE SAVAGE *
Howell, Michigan

VICTORIA LEE SYREWS *
Weston, West Virginia

EMILY ROSE WILCOX *
Parkersburg, West Virginia

**FIVE-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE/
MASTER OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN NURSING**

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

MARIAH PAIGE O'HARA
Buckhannon, West Virginia

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

CARLEIGH E. BOLYARD (1) #
Parsons, West Virginia

MADISON ALAINNEY FRAME (4) #
Richwood, West Virginia

ALEXIS MARIE IMPERIAL (1) #
Scott Depot, West Virginia

KATHERINE JANE KELL (1) #
Follansbee, West Virginia

JOSEPH DENNIS KELSH (1) #
Charleston, West Virginia

MADISON NADINE SMALL
St. Catharines Ontario, Canada

CUM LAUDE

PAYTON DAWN KOTOL
Buckhannon, West Virginia

MADISON LYNN NETTLES
Frametown, West Virginia

RIELLY ADISEN TAYLOR
Clay, West Virginia

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

CAMDEN G. RICHARDSON
Morgantown, West Virginia
History

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

MARI-JANE GRACE MCLEOD
Ridgeley, West Virginia
Art/Marketing

CUM LAUDE

MADISON PAIGE CHEN
Charles Town, West Virginia
Accounting

ANDREW MARK IRVIN
Germantown, Maryland
Applied Physics

YUKA MIZUIDE
Ueda Nagano, Japan
Economics

CASSANDRA PAIGE TALLMAN
Pennsboro, West Virginia
Marketing

ASHLEY MARIE DOWNES *
Bel Air, Maryland

JULIO ALFONSO AGUILAR YON

Guatemala City, Guatemala
Business Administration

NOAH DELTON BIRTHISEL

Hurricane, West Virginia
Sport Business

JACOB LOGAN FOLLAND

Gainesville, Virginia
Business Administration

CHASE B. GOLDSMITH (4)

Charleston, West Virginia
Management

CLAIRE TERESE GUM

Weston, West Virginia
Accounting

GARRETT RANDOLPH JONES *

Buckhannon, West Virginia
Business Administration

RENARD HAMPTON MATTHEWS

Blackshear, Georgia
Psychology

ZACHARY DUTCH MUTCHEL (4) #

Bridgeport, West Virginia

BENJAMIN ROBERT NOLTE

Buckhannon, West Virginia
History

JILLIAN ROSE PIERCY (1) #

Harpers Ferry, West Virginia
Business Administration

DAVID KENNETH ROBERTSON

Inwood, West Virginia
Business Administration

ALEC VINCENT TAMBURRI

Lancaster, New York
Business Administration

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

LINDSEY BROOKE POLING #

Thomas, West Virginia

JACQLYN PRISCILLA ZAVALA

Bakersfield, California

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

TORLI ALEXANDER BUSH (3) #

Webster Springs, West Virginia

JEREMY BURNS DERFLINGER #

Gloucester Point, Virginia

TAYLOR ELISE FOX #

New York, New York

REBECCA KATHLEEN HAMILTON #

Corbin, Kentucky

HEATHER FRANCES

HUMPHRIES (3) #

Winchester, Virginia

GABRIEL ROGERS (3) #

Kerens, West Virginia

EZRA JAMES MARSHALL #

Morgantown, West Virginia

KYLE DANIEL MILLS

Circleville, West Virginia

BRITTANY NICOLE MORGAN #

Powhatan, Virginia

EMILY KATHRYN ZIEBARTH (3) #

Cordova, Tennessee

ASHLEY MARIE ROBEY (4) #

Clarksburg, West Virginia

ASHLEE TAYLOR SCHUMACHER (4) #

Clarksburg, West Virginia

CHRYSTAL L. SKINNER (4) #

Jane Lew, West Virginia

KAYLA MARIE SPARKS (4) #

Fairmont, West Virginia

ANN MARIE WHITEHAIR

Grafton, West Virginia

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

TAYLOR MORGAN BARNETT

West Milford, West Virginia

HEATHER MARIE GILESPIE #

Frankford, West Virginia

JENNIFER K. FRAZIER (3) #

Bridgeport, West Virginia

AMANDA KAY JONES #

Elkins, West Virginia

FIVE-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE/MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

HANNAH KATHLEEN HUDSON #

Blackstone, Virginia

Exercise Science

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING

BRINE SEIYA MURRAY (2)

Bridgeport, West Virginia

ALEXANDER JOSEPH RITTENHOUSE *

Tipp City, Ohio

TAL RUSSELL SUTTON, II (2)

Ghent, West Virginia

TRAHERN MICHAEL WHITE

Buckhannon, West Virginia

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

MISTI DAWN ELMORE (4) #

Tallmansville, West Virginia

LISA CHRISTINE FIDLER (4) #

Hypoluxo, Florida

VANESSA HOPE LIPSCOMB (4)

Pennsboro, West Virginia

ABBIE JO LOWTHER (4)

Alum Bridge, West Virginia

JOHN CARL PAULEY

Morgantown, West Virginia

RACHEL C. PERSINGER (4) #

Dunbar, West Virginia

JANE MOWRY PHILLIPS (4)

Hambleton, West Virginia

JONATHON TYLER REED (4)

Buckhannon, West Virginia

(1) June 7, 2022

(2) July 7, 2022

(3) August 12, 2022

(4) December 13, 2022

+Honors Program Graduate.

* Degree requirements to be completed.

In absentia.

^ Has or will earn at least 150 credit hours and complete the requirements for two degrees.

2023 Academic & Leadership Awards

Athletics

Sam Ross Scholar Athlete Award	Khalil Smith Hannah Hudson
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Campus Life

Campus Life Staff Member of the Year.....	Colby Wamsley
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Bobcat Entertainment

Bobcat Entertainment Member of the Year	Colby Wamsley
Bobcat Entertainment Rising Star.....	Peter D'Avanzo

Center for Community Engagement

Sullivan Foundation Awards	Easton Perry Madisyn Fox
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John Wesley "Do All The Good You Can"	Noah Jeffries
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Wesleyan Values	Michael Winston Courtney Gray Emily Wilmoth Hannah Ketterman
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Outstanding Peer Leader	Olivia Carpenter
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Outstanding Community Outreach.....	Ryan Shrewsbury Geneva Brown Caroline Fulks Laine Stover
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Community & Alumni Relations

Brad Long Peace Award	Kylei Holloway
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Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Outstanding Leadership Award	Charles Malone Morgan Bennet Loren Keene
Allyship Award	Geneva Brown
Trail Blazer Award.....	Cierra Tolbert
Rising Star Award.....	Omar Sadek

Greek Life

Greek Man of the Year	James McIntosh
Greek Woman of the Year.....	Olivia Carpenter

Religious & Spiritual Life

Leadership Award.....	Garrett Davis Christian Cimiglia Abigail Anderson
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Student Senate

Faculty Member of the Year	Greg Popovich
Staff Member of the Year	John Bowman

Art

Outstanding Senior Art Major	Berlin Pruden
Outstanding Senior Graphic Design Major.....	Kaitlin Anderson
Outstanding Junior Art Major	Alaynah Rubio
Outstanding Sophomore Art Major.....	Oreana Sharpless
Outstanding Freshmen Art Major.....	Paige Blust

Biology & Environmental Science

Outstanding Seniors in Biology	Olivia Carpenter Betty Abdelgelil
Outstanding Junior in Biology	Hali Westcott

Outstanding Sophomore in Biology	Kyan Gillespie Kaeef Rehman
Outstanding Freshman in Biology	Srikiran Nandigama Sydney Vilain
	Raveena Navalgund Caitlynn Sherman
	Omar Sadek Haden Fincham
	Autumn Russell Elizabeth Kittle
	Curtis Litton Chris Bender
Outstanding Research Student	Geneva Brown Olivia Carpenter
	Hayden Hess Olivia Carpenter
Outstanding Student Workers in Biology/Environ Science.....	Ashley Nicholas

Business & Economy

Outstanding Accounting Student	Yudai Kojima
Outstanding Business Administration Student.....	Jacob Folland
Outstanding Economics Student	Camillo Salvi
Outstanding Marketing Student	Mari-Jane "Gracie" McLeod
Outstanding Sport Business Student.....	Shelby Kennedy
Outstanding 5 year MBA Student.....	Camden Richardson

Chemistry & Biochemistry

Outstanding Laboratory Assistant	Stephen Groves
Outstanding Junior Chemist.....	Garrett Davis
Outstanding Senior Biochemist.....	Kristen Crowder

Communication

Outstanding Communication Major.....	Iris Kolenich Emily Reed
Leadership in the Communication Department.....	Anthony Damcott
Outstanding Communication Researcher	Chloe Sotomayor
Outstanding Media Communication Major.....	Anthony Damcott Tim Walker
Outstanding Rising Stars in the Field of Communication.....	Hunter Dierlam Dylan Pauley

Computer Science

Outstanding Senior.....	Gage Poling
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Criminal Justice

Outstanding Criminal Justice Senior	Lillie Archer
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Dance/Theatre

Larry Reed Technical Theatre Award.....	Elizabeth Tweel
Outstanding Senior Dance Student.....	Loren Keene
Outstanding Senior Theatre Student.....	Jackson Johnson Timothy Walker

Education

Academic Achievement Award	
Freshman.....	Rhiannon Woolcock
Sophomore	Katherine Caldwell
Junior	Payton Campbell
Senior	Abby Wetzel
Dr. Ruth Mansberger Shearer Education Award.....	Abby Wetzel

Dorie McHugh O'Brien '64 Award	Abigail Anderson
English	
Outstanding Seniors in English	Daniel Dyal
Exercise Science & Athletic Training	
Outstanding Senior in Athletic Training.....	Easton Perry
Outstanding Research Student in Exercise Science.....	Holli Bragg
Delta Psi Kappa/David E. Reemsnyder Award.....	Isabella Posey
Developing Clinician in Exercise Science Award.....	K. Ryan Shrewsbury
Gender Studies	
Outstanding Senior Major in Gender Studies Award	Noah Jeffries Kayla Means
Putting Theory into Practice Award.....	Geneva Brown
Honors Program	
Outstanding Honors Students	Olivia Carpenter Jackson Igo Shaylen Chenoweth
International Studies	
Outstanding Senior in International Studies	Caroline Fulks
Mathematics	
Hallam	Christian Cimaglia Savannah Herrod Camden Lawrence Collin McEntire Morgan Norris
Music	
Music Department Award.....	Geneva Brown
Nursing	
Outstanding Seniors in Nursing	Mariah O'Hara Victoria Syrews
Outstanding Juniors in Nursing.....	Kaitlyn Canby Makenzi Lewellyn
Outstanding Sophomores in Nursing.....	Melody "Ryanne" Garrett Paige Miller
Physics & Engineering	
Outstanding BS in Physics	Ethan Cutright Robert Hardt Payton Hefner Jackson Igo James Anthony McIntosh Abigail O'Shields Logan Proud Eden Reynolds Rebekah Sikora
Outstanding BA in Physics	Lance Cerullo Madisyn Fox Caleb Hardy Gene Hutchinson Pedro Parmezani Payton Slider

Political Science		
Outstanding Seniors in Political Science	.....	Brittany Myers
Psychology		
Outstanding Senior in Psychology	.....	Shaylen Chenoweth
Religious Studies		
Outstanding Religious Studies	.....	Courtney Gray
Sociology/Social Justice		
John Warner Sociology Award	.....	Kendra Goeddert
Vijaya Rao Global Awareness Award	.....	Caroline Fulks
Outstanding Senior in Sociology	.....	Caitlin Wilhelm
Wesleyan Spirit Awards		
Freshmen	.....	Julius Pretlow LouMasi Lott
Sophomores	.....	Kaef Rehman Zoe Casto
Juniors	.....	Colby Wamsley Destiny Cochran
Seniors	.....	David Taylor Hannah Ketterman

Senior Academic and Leadership Achievement

Betty Abdelgelil, Abigail Anderson, Lillie Archer, Jakob Bohland, Kristen Crowder, Caroline Fulks, Hannah Hudson, Payton Hefner, Jackson Igo, Samuel Ingram, Katherine Marks, Yuka Mizuide, Mariah O'Hara, Abigail O'Shields, Isabella Posey, Kotone Sakamura, Rebekah Sikora, Timothy Walker, Abby Wetzel

Outstanding Seniors

Morgan Bennett, Olivia Carpenter, Madisyn Fox, Courtney Gray, Easton Perry, Ryan Shrewsbury



THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Academic processions are rich in tradition and pageantry. Some elements of the procession are common to all institutions of higher education, guided by centuries of protocol, and others are unique to individual institutions, symbolizing meaningful and specific college traditions.

At West Virginia Wesleyan College, the procession is led by a cross reflecting the College's Methodist heritage. The cross bearer this year is Dr. Caleb Gibson, Assistant Professor of Chemistry.

Next in the procession is the mace bearer, Dr. Susan Rice, Associate Professor of Health Science.

Today's head marshal is Dr. Joseph Wiest, Professor of Physics. He is assisted by Dr. Pamela Wovchko, Professor of Mathematics; Dr. Edward Wovchko, Professor of Chemistry; Ms. Alisa Lively, Dean of Students; Mr. Doug Van Gundy, Associate Professor of English; Dr. Jessica Scott, Associate Professor of Gender Studies; and Dr. Luke Huggins, Professor of Biology.

The Class of 2023 is led by officers Caroline Fulks, President; Madisyn Fox, Vice President; Dylan Pauley, Secretary and Abigail O'Shields, Treasurer.

Academic Attire

Academic attire – cap, gown, and hood – is higher education’s link with its long and illustrious past. Like judicial dress, it originated in the 12th century with the medieval clergy, whose ecclesiastical dress probably derived in turn from civilian attire at an earlier age. Medieval scholars were almost all clergymen, and the earliest illustrations available show gowns that somewhat resemble cassocks. Universities of the period were primarily education guilds, the term “bachelor” denoting an apprentice, “master,” a full member of the guild, and “doctor,” one who has attained the highest degree of learning in a particular field.

Originally, the titles of “doctor,” “master,” and “professor” were synonymous, meaning one who has a license to teach. By the 14th century, however, “doctor” had acquired a higher status and was used by professional faculties of law, theology, and medicine, while teachers in the faculties of the arts were known as “master.” The first stage of candidacy for either level was the baccalaureate of “bachelor,” and the successive steps were called grades or “degrees.”

In the United States, academic attire began to be used extensively at the end of the 19th century. To avoid confusion, the Intercollegiate Commission drew up a code in 1895 for academic attire. Followed by virtually all American institutions of higher learning, it has given America a beautiful and impressive, yet extremely simple method of signifying academic honors.

The bachelor’s gown is black and worn closed, distinguished by its long, pointed sleeves; the master’s is designated to be worn open and has long sleeves with square base and arc cut; the doctor’s, worn open or closed, has velvet panels down the front and three bars on the round, full sleeve. The color of the velvet may signify the field of study.

The hood is the most distinguishing feature of academic attire. Its colors indicate both the degree of the wearer and the institution attended. The bachelor’s and the master’s hoods are similar in design, but the bachelor’s is three feet long while the master’s is three and a half feet long. The colors of the silk lining exposed in the center of the hood are those of the institution conferring the degree, for example, orange and black for West Virginia Wesleyan; the edging of the hood indicates the academic discipline.

Since the hood no longer serves as a head covering, the mortarboard, which originated in English universities, is worn. A long tassel of black or of a color appropriate to the degree is fastened in the middle of the top of the cap. The doctor’s cap may have a gold tassel. Recently, soft velvet tams have become popular for holders of advanced degrees.

Academic attire serves two purposes; it gives a sense of dignity and tradition to the ceremony, and it links those who wear it, students and faculty, to all the men and women who, over the past centuries, have sought learning.

Degree colors are as follows:

Agriculture	maize
Arts, Letters, Humanities	white
Business	drab
Dentistry.....	lilac
Economics.....	copper
Education	light blue
Engineering.....	orange
Fine Arts.....	brown
Forestry	russet
Journalism	crimson
Law	purple
Library Science	lemon
Medicine	green

Music.....	pink
Nursing.....	apricot
Pharmacy.....	olive green
Philosophy.....	dark blue
Physical Education.....	sage green
Public Administration	peacock blue
Public Health.....	salmon pink
Science	golden yellow
Social Science	cream
Social Work.....	citron
Speech.....	silver gray
Theology	scarlet
Veterinary Science	gray

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